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Source: [C% head] of the Basque emigr'es in MONTE, Francisco de ABRISQUETA.

1. The progress of the Spanish emigrant [2 groups unrecovered] BARRIOS [6 groups unrecovered] supporters of PRIETO - a part of the socialist party, some [1 group unrecovered] republicans, part of the U.O.T. This group always stood for [2 groups unrecovered] PRIETO, with participation of the moderate Catalonians. The presidency of BARRIOS, who has a bad reputation both in politics and as a man, does not satisfy [1 group unrecovered] conditions. Members of this group in MONTE, knowing that Negrinists and communists are not included in the government, have taken their position as supporters of this government. The basic thesis of PRIETO and his supporters: it is necessary to form a moderate government of socialists but without representation of the extreme leftists and without friends of Russia; only the United States and England can ensure a free Spain and these countries fear [1 group unrecovered] in Spain of a pro-Russian government; if a leftist government is created Franco will remain in power.

2. Supporters of NEGRIN [4 groups unrecoverable] republicans, part of the U.O.T. and C.N.T., communists, P.S.U.E. and other Catalan [51 groups unrecoverable] [48 groups unrecovered]

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